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MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

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REPORT OF THE GERMAN CONFERENCE.—We have received the following report of the German Mission Conference from C. H. Doering, Conference Secretary:

"With a thankful heart we look back upon the past Conference year. In temporal regard it was a year of heavy affliction and visitations. One of our own dear ones had taken his last breath, and three of our other brethren sleep over the remains of their beloved companions. But all of them have triumphantly departed in peace, and we know our loss is their gain. Others of us were visited by severe afflictions, and were brought near to the grave, but preserved by the mercy of God. But notwithstanding this we have had our work done, and all our expectations that our statistics show an increase of 129 members. Our collections show the readiness of our members to support the gospel. The victories gained, especially in the south of Germany and Switzerland, show that Methodism is not alone adapted for England and America, but also for Europe, proclaiming nothing but the pure gospel.

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Gov. Seymour and the President on the Draft—Governor Seymour under date of Aug. 3 wrote to the President respecting the draft in New York and Brooklyn. He condemned the Provost Marshal for commanding the draft without consulting the city or State officers at a time when the military were absent at the seat of war. He complains that the city had not furnished more than its share as compared with the rural districts; hence, while the country submitted even joyfully the tax on our children. They seek to destroy what they have planned. They propose as spoils of victory that your homes shall be paraded as trophies when those who originally built them stand by in silent despair. They desire to impose a servile condition, and lop the fires of incendiarism wherever they can reach your homes, and they debase an inferior race, hereafter docile and contented, by promising them the indulgence of the vile passions of the slaves.

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FOREIGN NEWS

ENGLAND—Mr. Cobden and Lord Palmerston had a discussion in Parliament on neutrality. Mr. Cobden was exceedingly fair and friendly in his remarks. Lord Palmerston, in course of his reply, said:

"It seemed to him that what was running in the head of his belligerent friend, and appeared to direct him of self, was that the war was a foolish, premature, disastrous war, the result of which would be the ruin of the South, and that when he comes out he will have thirty thousand men with an able-bodied man every acre.

Large Colored Army—Ad'l. Gen. Thomas lately made some public remarks in Washington, dwelling at considerable length on his mission West, of the prejudices and discouragements which were at first thrown in his way, but had now disappeared before the success which attended the policy. He had fully organized 20,000 men towards the West before he left the West. He has now returned to the West again, and has strong hope that before the close of the year he will have fully organized equipped and drilled, 100,000 contrabands, who will render valuable service in the final overthrow of the rebellion.

The Massachusetts Fifty-Fourth—Col. Littlefield of the 3d South Carolina Regiment is in temporary command of the 54th Mass. A correspondent of the New Bedford Herald writes: "The Prussian army, which is the best in Europe, has made some remarkable gains in the last few days. The French army, which is the best in France, has made some important gains in the last few days. The British army, which is the best in England, has made some important gains in the last few days. The American army, which is the best in America, has made some important gains in the last few days. The Spanish army, which is the best in Spain, has made some important gains in the last few days. The Portuguese army, which is the best in Portugal, has made some important gains in the last few days. The Italian army, which is the best in Italy, has made some important gains in the last few days. The French army, which is the best in France, has made some important gains in the last few days. 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